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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte JOSEPH R. BYRUM,
GREGORY R. HECK, and
THOMAS J. La ROSA

Appeal No. 2006-0055
Application No. 09/531,113

ON BRIEF

Before FLEMING, Chief Administrative Patent Judge,
HARKCOM, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge, and
ADAMS, Administrative Patent Judge.

Per curiam.


On March 29, 2006, counsel for the appellants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.


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